

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service offices in Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls acknowledge that the Skywarn Spotter program is vital in assisting the offices in their mission of "protecting life and property"; and,

Whereas, Over 1,500 trained Skywarn Spotters across South Dakota assist NOAA's National Weather Service offices in Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls during times of severe weather; and,

Whereas, The Skywarn Spotters have braved blinding rainstorms, damaging hail storms, tornadic thunderstorms, and extreme winds to provide accurate, timely, and life-saving observations; and,

Whereas, The Skywarn Spotter program is made up entirely of volunteers who set aside personal and business concerns during times of severe weather in South Dakota; and,

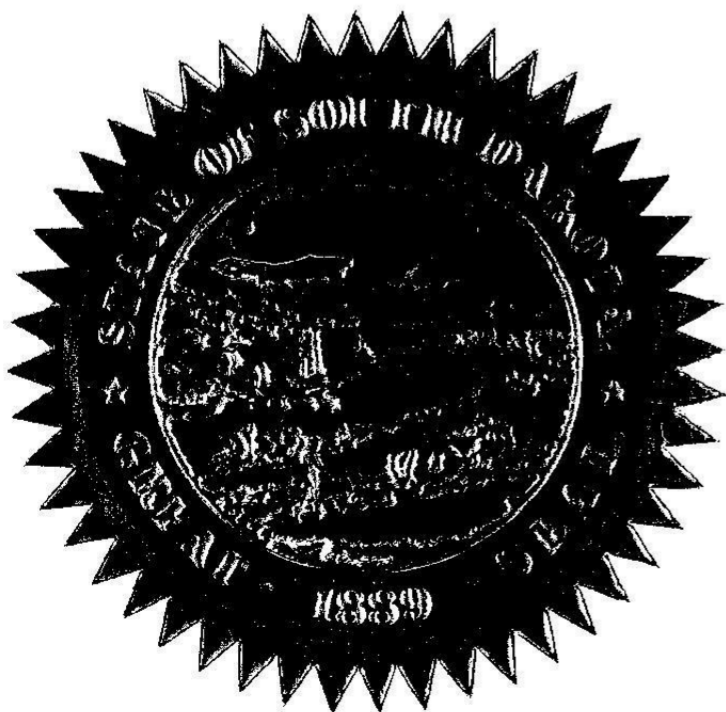
Whereas, The Skywarn Spotters' dedication and attention to detail have significantly contributed to the accuracy of warnings and the protection of life and property:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2005, as

SKYWARN SPOTTER APPRECIATION DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State